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SUBJ: LOS CONSULTATIONS WITH MEXICO

REFS: A. STATE 5953 B. ESKIN-CRIGLER TELECON 1/14/75

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ, NEWLY-NAMED FONSEC DIRECTOR IN CHIEF FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS, TO DISCUSS UPCOMING LOS CONSULTATIONS AND TO PASS ALONG SPECIFIC INFO CONTAINED STATE REFTEL. GONZALEZ GALVEZ (WHO MERELY MOVED UP ONE RUNG ON FONSEC MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS LADDER) WAS GENERALLY FAMILIAR WITH PROJECT, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFO AND PROPOSED AGENDA, AND PROMISED A RESPONSE IN KIND ASAP.

2. GONZALEZ SAID PARTICIPANTS ON MEXICAN SIDE WOULD BE FEWER IN NUMBER, INCLUDING ONLY AMB CASTANEDA, ACTING FONSEC GONZALEZ SOSABN EX-DIRECTOR IN CHIEF FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS (NOW IN CHARGE OF BILATERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS) AMB MANUEL TELLO, AND GONZALEZ GALVEZ HIMSELF. EMBOFF
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POINTED OUT THAT US DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF REPS OF

OTHER INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES, INCLUDING JCS, NSF, INTERIOR, ETC., BUT GONZALEZ SAID MEXICANS HAD DECIDED TO LIMIT PARTICIPATION TO FONSEC OFFICIALS.

3. RE SCHEDULE, GONZALEZ SAID GOM HAD IN MIND A MONDAY MORNING SESSION FROM 1000 TO 1400 HOURS, DURING WHICH REMAINDER OF SCHEDULE COULD BE FIXED. HE ADDED MEXICAN SIDE EXPECTED HOST LUNCHEON AT SECRETARIAT ON MONDAY, THEN PERHAPS RESUME FOR ANOTHER TWO HOUR SESSION IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER ENDING AROUND 1830 HOURS. TUESDAY MIGHT FOLLOW SIMILAR WORK PATTERN, HE THOUGHT. EMBOFF INDICATED US SIDE MIGHT WISH HOST RECEPTION FOR PARTICIPANTS MONDAY EVENING. (AMB WOULD BE PLEASED TO HOST RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE.)

4. GONZALEZ SAID ANY SPECIFIC RESPONSE TO SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL (DRAFT ARTICLES, ETC.) WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT RETURN TO CAPITAL OF GONZALEZ SOSA AND AMB CASTANEDA, BOTH OF WHOM NOW ATTENDING "PACEM IN MARIBUS" CONFERENCE NEAR CUERNAVACA. PROMISED TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH THEIR REACTIONS WHEN AVAILABLE.

5. COMMENT: (A) GONZALEZ SEEMED SLIGHTLY OVERWHELMED BY SIZE OF PROPOSED US DELEGATION, CONTRASTING WITH ONLY FOUR FROM MEXICAN FONSEC. DEPT MIGHT WISH TO WEIGH THIS CONSIDERATION IN MAKING ANY LAST-MINUTE ADJUSTMENTS TO DELEGATION.

(B) EMBOFF DID NOT RPT NOT GET IMPRESSION FROM GONZALEZ THAT MEXICANS VIEW MEETING AS PRIMARILY A NEGOTIATING SESSION (REFTEL PARA 5). IMPRESSION WAS RATHER THAT IT WOULD CONSIST ESSENTIALLY OF EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON SPECIFIC AGENDA POINTS WITHOUT FORMAL COMMITMENT ON EITHER SIDE. EMBASSY WONDERS WHETHER POINT WOULD NOT BE WORTH CLARIFYING IN ADVANCE OF DELEGATIONS'S ARRIVAL HERE.

(C) EMBASSY REQUESTS GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO DEGREE OF CONFIDENTIALITY WITH WHICH CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE TREATED. SUCH GUIDANCE WOULD BE USEFUL IN CONFIDENTIAL

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CONNECTION WITH INVITING OUTSIDERS (OTHER GOM OFFICIALS) TO RECEPTION AND IN ANSWERING PRESS QUERIES, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT GOM HAS ALREADY DEFINED AND DETAILED ITS OWN "INDEPENDENT" POSITIONS IN PUBLIC FORUMS AND MAY WISH TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF SOFTENING ITS POSITIONS UNDER US PRESSURE.

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